

Memorial Continental Hall (National
Society of the Daughters of the
American Revolution, Headquarters
and Museum)

West side of 17th Street, between
C & D Streets, NW
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ARCHITECTURAL DATA FORM

STATE District of Columbia	COUNTY	TOWN OR VICINITY Washington
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) Memorial Continental Hall		HABS NO. DC-282
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution, Headquarters and Museum		
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) West side of 17th Street, between C and D Streets, NW		
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) 1904-1910	ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE) Edward Pearce Casey	
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) Built as national headquarters and assembly hall for the Daughters of the American Revolution. Assembly room was the site of the Washington Conference in 1921, a pioneering effort at international arms limitation.		
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE) Classical Revival		
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) Brick and concrete with Vermont marble facing		
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE) 3 stories on raised basement; low mansard roof; projecting corner pavilions; monumental porticoes on 3 street facades; third story recessed above cornice line		
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE Corinthian columned portico on main facade projects over driveway to form porte cochere for main entrance; quoins on corner pavilions; balustrade conceals recessed third story		
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED)		
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES Assembly hall converted to library in 1949.		
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE Condition in 1974 appeared good.		
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE		
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDING LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) Schwartz, Nancy B. <u>Historic American Buildings Survey District of Columbia Catalog, 1974.</u> A National Historic Landmark Category III District of Columbia Landmark		
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